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SUBJECT: COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM

REF: A) TAIPEI 1294, B) STATE 57666, C) STATE 59961

- 1. ECONCOUN AND AGATT DISCUSSED DRAFT LETTER WITH DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE Y.T. WANG (WANG I-TING) MARCH 17. WANG HAD RECEIVED COPY OF DRAFT FROM MINISTER SUN AND CABLE CONTAINING ESSENTIALLY SAME INFORMATION FROM T.W. HU (HU TSU-WANG), ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
- 2. WANG FORESAW NO PROBLEMS IN ACTING PROMPTLY ON LETTER. POTENTIAL PROBLEM MENTIONED PARA 2 OF REFTEL (B) CAN BE RESOLVED QUICKLY WHEN ANNEX IS RECEIVED. HE HAS SCHEDULED MEETING MARCH 19 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BANK OF TAIWAN, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND CENTRAL BANK TO INFORM THEM OF PROCEDURES SPELLED OUT IN PARA. 3 OF DRAFT LETTER AND TO ESTABLISH MEASURES TO ENSURE L/C'S ARE OPENED PROMPTLY.
- 3. WANG DID BRING UP GROC REQUEST FOR LOWER INTEREST RATE ON CCC CREDIT BY SEEKING VERIFICATION OF STATE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT IN T.W. HU'S CABLE THAT INTEREST RATE WOULD BE

SET AT 8-1/2 PERCENT. WANG WAS INFORMED THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO LOWERING THE RATE, PERHAPS AS LOW AS 8-1/2 PERCENT. WANT GRUMBLED THAT WHILE THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL, HE WAS HOPEFUL RATE COULD BE SET AT OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE PRIME RATE. HE WAS QUICKLY DISABUSED OF THAT POSSIBILITY. UNGER

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